

Gooseberry Trail #814



The Gooseberry Trail climbs up a small drainage through aspen and past beaver ponds until it tops out high on Huntsman Ridge near the 10,000 foot level. For the next 2 miles it basically contours northward along the Huntsman, much of it passing through an old burned off area. It is an area of big open parks interspersed with conifer and aspen. It is not uncommon to see elk along the whole length of this trail. Eventually the trail begins to descend off the ridge until coming to North Twin Creek where it turns north to intersect the Clear Fork Trail #810.

Don't forget your camera!



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Trail Ethics:

The Gooseberry Trail is maintained for foot, horse and bicycle travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Gooseberry Trail.



Drinking Water:

DO NOT drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Livestock grazing is a form of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area.



If you encounter sheep during your visit, approach them with respect & caution. Guard dogs are used to protect the sheep from predators. Try to pass a fair distance from the sheep. If you have a dog, keep it restrained. If approached by a guard dog remain calm, tell the dog "Go back" in a firm authoritative voice. If you do not appear as a threat to the sheep, the dogs will just watch as you pass.



Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.

Familiarize yourself with the area.



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Length 7.6 Miles



*A view of Huntsman Ridge
From the Gooseberry Trail*

Photo by Justin McConkey

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Trail Beginnings: Gas well road 1/4 mile past the beginning of the Clear Fork Trail #810.

Trail Ending: The junction with the Clear Fork Trail #810.

Access #1: From Paonia take Hwy 133 to the Collbran road which turns to Forest Road #844 and follow #844 across the Clear Fork of the Muddy to the locked gate. Follow the gravel road 1 mile to its intersection with the Gooseberry Trail.

Use: Foot, Horse and Bicycle

Recommended Seasons:

Spring Summer Fall Winter

USGS quad maps: Elk Knob

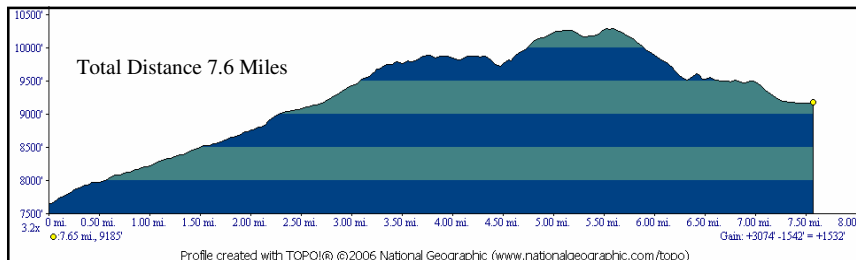
Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you Pack it in-Pack it out!

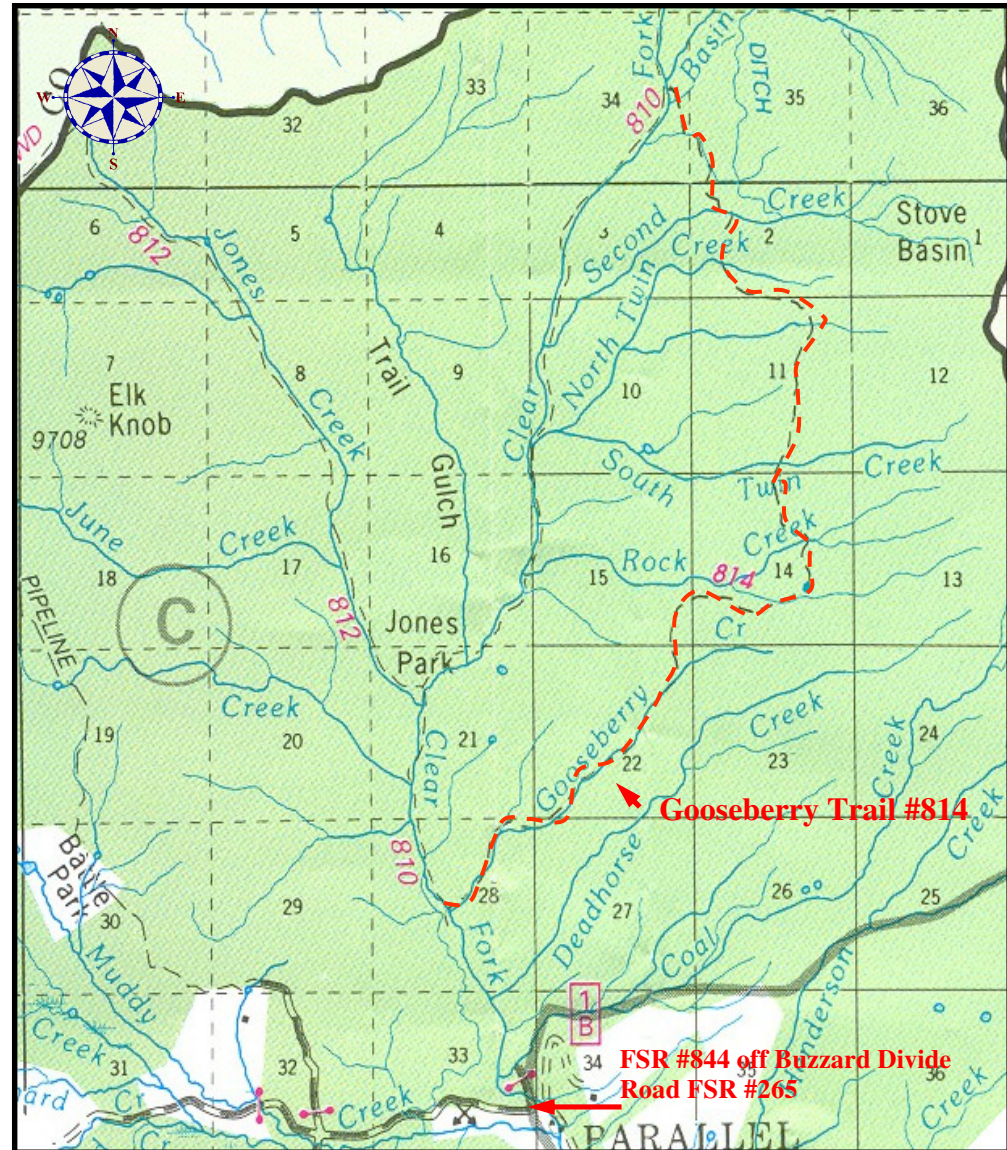
Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.

Elevation Profile:



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1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors